

Council of the District of Columbia Notice of Public Hearing

John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

**CHAIRMAN LINDA W. CROPP
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 15-80, "MASS TRANSIT PRE-TAX BENEFITS
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2003"**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003, 2:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 15-80, the "Mass Transit Pre-Tax Benefits Amendment Act of 2003." The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Bill 15-80, introduced by Councilmembers Patterson and Graham, would amend the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to require the Mayor to establish a pre-tax mass transit benefit program to defray the costs of District of Columbia government employees.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are requested to telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 724-8196, by e-mail at alatta@dccouncil.washington.dc.us, or by fax at 202-724-7139, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Friday, December 5, 2003. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by Friday, December 5, 2003. Each person presenting verbal testimony may be limited to 5 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

Written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20004. All persons wishing to comment are urged to review the legislation prior to the public hearing. Copies of Bill 15-80 may be obtained from the Legislative Services Division of the Council, (202) 724-8050.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Finance & Revenue
Notice of Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

REVISED and ABBREVIATED

**COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**Bill 15-288, "Fiscal Year 2004 Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes Act of 2003";
Bill 15-408, the "Heating Oil Clarification Act of 2003";
Bill 15-409, the "Unclaimed Property Demutualization of Proceeds Act of 2003"; and
PR 15-473, the "Tax Increment Revenue Bonds 1000 K, LLC Project
Approval Resolution of 2003"**

Monday, November 17, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Room 120

**John A. Wilson Building - 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public hearing on Bill 15-288, "Fiscal Year 2004 Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes Act of 2003"; Bill 15-408, the "Heating Oil Clarification Act of 2003"; Bill 15-409, the "Unclaimed Property Demutualization of Proceeds Act of 2003"; and PR 15-473, the "Tax Increment Revenue Bonds 1000 K, LLC Project Approval Resolution of 2003". The hearing will be held on Monday, November 17, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 15-288, "Fiscal Year 2004 Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes Act of 2003" would authorize the issuance of District of Columbia general obligation tax revenue anticipation notes to finance general governmental expenses for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Bill 15-408, the "Heating Oil Clarification Act of 2003", would amend Title 47 to modify the effective date of the gross receipts tax on home heating oil. Bill 15-409, the "Unclaimed Property Demutualization of Proceeds Act of 2003" would amend Title 41 to provide that unclaimed property payable or distributable in the course of a demutualization or related organization of an insurance company is presumed abandoned one year after the date the property is first distributable if the last known address of the owner is incorrect or the distribution or statements are returned by the post office as undeliverable, and under certain other circumstances. This legislation was introduced by Councilmember Jack Evans at the request of the Chief Financial Officer. PR 15-473, the "Tax Increment Revenue Bonds 1000 K, LLC Project Approval Resolution of 2003" would approve tax increment financing, in the form of a TIF note, for the Embassy Suites hotel project at 1000 K Street, NW.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Schannette Grant at (202) 724-8058, or sgrant@dccouncil.washington.dc.us, and provide your name and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Thursday, November 13, 2003. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. The Committee allows each witness 3 minutes to testify. Additional time may be allowed for witnesses representing organizations or for witnesses appearing as a panel.

Written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Phyllis Jones, Secretary to the Council, The Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The record for this hearing will remain open until the close of business on Wednesday, December 3, 2003.

This hearing notice was revised to add Bill 15-288, "Fiscal Year 2004 Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes Act of 2003" to the hearing notice, and to remove Bill 15-410, the "Bundled Telecommunications Services Tax Act of 2003" from the hearing notice. The hearing for Bill 15-410 has been rescheduled for December 10, 2003.

This hearing notice is abbreviated for the consideration of Bill 15-288, the "Fiscal Year 2004 Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes Act of 2003", as the Council needs to consider this matter on an expedited basis as the borrowing authority envisioned by the legislation will need to occur in early fiscal year 2004, which began on October 1, 2003.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Finance & Revenue
Notice of Public Hearing**

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**COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**Bill 15-410, the "Bundled Telecommunications Services Tax Act of 2003"; and
Bill 15-462, the "District of Columbia Deed Recordation Tax Amendment Act of 2003"**

Wednesday, December 10, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

**John A. Wilson Building - 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public hearing on Bill 15-410, the "Bundled Telecommunications Services Tax Act of 2003" and Bill 15-462, the "District of Columbia Deed Recordation Tax Amendment Act of 2003". The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the 5th Floor of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 15-410, the "Bundled Telecommunications Services Tax Act of 2003" would amend Title 47 to define the term "bundled transaction" for the purposes of taxation. Bill 15-462, the "District of Columbia Deed Recordation Tax Amendment Act of 2003" would amend the District of Columbia Deed Recordation Tax Act to exempt from taxation deeds recorded between domestic partners.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Schannette Grant at (202) 724-8058, or sgrant@dccouncil.washington.dc.us, and provide your name and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Monday, December 8, 2003. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. The Committee allows each witness 3 minutes to testify. Additional time may be allowed for witnesses representing organizations or for witnesses appearing as a panel.

Written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Phyllis Jones, Secretary to the Council, The Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The record for this hearing will remain open until the close of business on Wednesday, December 31, 2003.

Bill 15-410 was originally scheduled for a hearing on November 17, 2003, and is rescheduled on this date.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Notice of Public Hearing
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004**

REVISED

**COUNCILMEMBER SHARON AMBROSE, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS,
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
ON**

**BILL 15-510, THE "RESTAURANT AMENDMENT ACT OF 2003",
BILL 15-513, THE "CATERING AMENDMENT ACT OF 2003",
BILL 15-516, THE "OMNIBUS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AMENDMENT ACT OF
2003", PR 15-538, THE "REVISED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATIONS
APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2003", AND PR 15-533, THE "CHAPTER 8, CIVIL
PENALTY SCHEDULE REGULATIONS APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2003"**

Wednesday, November 19, 2003 and Thursday, November 20, 2003

9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Room 412

John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Sharon Ambrose, Chairperson of the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 15-510, the "Restaurant Amendment Act of 2003"; Bill 15-513, the "Catering Amendment Act of 2003"; Bill 15-516, the "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Amendment Act of 2003"; PR 15-538, the "Revised Alcoholic Beverage Regulations Approval Resolution of 2003"; and PR 15-533, the "Chapter 8, Civil Penalties Schedule Regulations Approval Resolution of 2003".

The Public Hearing will be held over a two day period on November 19, 2003 and November 20, 2003. Both days will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end by 4:30 p.m. and will be held in Room 412 at the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

The purpose of Bill 15-510 is to clarify the permitted business practices of restaurants and other establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. The proposed legislation would require that an entertainment endorsement be obtained by a restaurant, tavern, or hotel prior to charging a cover charge, having entertainment or dancing. The bill would also exempt establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages from licensing requirements of D.C. Official Code § 47-2820 and would revise the definition of restaurant, tavern, and hotel to clarify the types of activities that are permitted at these on-premises consumption establishments. The proposed legislation would also amend the statutory food requirements for restaurants and hotels. Additionally, the proposed legislation would expand the definition of a multipurpose facility to include universities, museums, conference centers, and art galleries. Finally, the proposed legislation would require establishments licensed to sell

alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption to obtain a sidewalk café or summer garden endorsement to be eligible to occupy, or sell, serve, or deliver alcoholic beverages on outdoor public or private space.

The purpose of Bill 15-513 is to clarify ambiguities that exist with regard to the procedures that must be followed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and an applicant for new and renewal catering license applications. The proposed legislation would exempt caterer's license applications from the public notice and protest procedures that a new retailer's license applications currently follow. Additionally, the proposed legislation would exempt applicants for caterer's licenses from the placard posting requirement. Instead, the proposed legislation would require the ABC Board to establish separate procedures for applying the appropriateness standards contained in D.C. Official Code § 25-313 to applicants for a caterer's license. The proposed legislation would clarify that catering license applications are not subject to the moratorium or referendum process. Finally, the legislation would permit the holder of a caterer's license to hold an event within 400 feet of a public or private school or a recreation area operated by the D.C. Department of Recreation.

The purpose of Bill 15-516 is to ensure completion of an alcohol training and education certification program by an applicant for an Alcoholic Beverage Control manager's license prior to their receiving an ABC manager's license. The legislation would also require that certificate of occupancy be obtained prior to the issuance of a temporary ABC license for an event except in those instances where the event is to occur outdoors or in a private residential home used for non-commercial purposes. Additionally, the legislation would provide Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration investigators with the authority to check the identification of a patron inside of or attempting to enter an ABC establishment and to seize both alcoholic beverages sold to minors and fake identification documents used by minors. The proposed bill would also provide Metropolitan Police officers with the option to issue criminal citations rather than arrest minors who use fake identification to purchase, possess, or drink alcohol or to gain entry to an on-premises ABC establishment.

The purpose of PR 15-538 and PR 15-533 is to implement conforming regulations to carry out the provisions of D.C. Law 13-298, the Title 25, D.C. Code Enactment and Related Amendments Act of 2001, which took effect on May 3, 2001.

The Committee extends an invitation to the public to testify at the Public Hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact David Grosso, at (202) 724-8072, by the close of business, Friday, November 14, 2003. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. Public oral testimony will be limited to a maximum of three minutes.

If you are unable to testify at the Public Hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted by the close of business, Friday, November 21, 2003, to Ms. Phyllis Jones, Secretary to the Council, Suite 5, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20004.

This notice has been revised to reflect that PR 15-504, the "Alcoholic Beverage Regulations Approval Resolution of 2003", was withdrawn and PR 15-538, the "Revised Alcoholic Beverage Regulations Approval Resolution of 2003", and PR 15-533, the "Chapter 8, Civil Penalties Schedule Regulations Approval Resolution of 2003", were introduced in its place.

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**CHAIRMAN LINDA W. CROPP
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**PR 15-126, "SENSE OF THE COUNCIL REGARDING
THE CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION OF 2003"**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003, 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on PR 15-126, the "Sense of the Council Regarding the Continuity of Government Resolution of 2003." The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

PR 15-126, introduced by Councilmembers Patterson, Evans and Chavous, would declare the sense of the Council with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to have the Chairman Pro Tempore to become Acting Chairman, when the Office of Chairman becomes vacant, until the election of a new Chairman; and to have the Councilmember with the greatest seniority become Chairman, if the Office of Chairman Pro Tempore becomes vacant while the Chairman Pro Tempore is serving as Acting Chairman, until the election of a new Chairman.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are requested to telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 724-8196, by e-mail at alatta@dccouncil.washington.dc.us, or by fax at 202-724-7139, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Friday, December 5, 2003. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by Friday, December 5, 2003. Each person presenting verbal testimony may be limited to 5 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

Written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20004. All persons wishing to comment are urged to review the legislation prior to the public hearing. Copies of PR 15-126 may be obtained from the Legislative Services Division of the Council, (202) 724-8050.

Council of the District of Columbia Notice of Public Roundtable

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN LINDA W. CROPP
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**PR 15-534, "TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF LOT 812 IN SQUARE 391,
LOT 811 IN SQUARE S 439 AND LOT 820 IN SQUARE 472 RESOLUTION OF 2003"**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2003, 11:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER
THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp announces the scheduling of a public roundtable by the Committee of the Whole on PR 15-534, "Transfer of Jurisdiction of Lot 812 in Square 391, Lot 811 in Square S 439 and Lot 820 in Square 472 Resolution of 2003." The public roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 11:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, located on the 5th floor of The John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

PR 15-534, introduced at the request of the Mayor, would accept the proposed transfer of jurisdiction from the U.S. National Park Service to the District of certain land along Maine Avenue, S.W., in Ward 6, to provide open space, roof and wall projections, a single means of vehicular access, and pedestrian access for the Arena Stage renovation and expansion project.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are asked to telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 724-8196, or send e-mail to alatta@dccouncil.us, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Friday, November 21, 2003. They should also bring with them 20 copies of their written testimony or submit one copy of their written testimony by Friday, November 21, 2003. Persons presenting testimony may be limited to 5 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

Written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Copies of PR 15-534 may be obtained from the Legislative Services Division of the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 2, (202) 724-8050.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Works and the Environment
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

**THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
CAROL SCHWARTZ, CHAIR**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON

THE ISSUE OF TAXICAB DISCRIMINATION IN THE DISTRICT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2003 -- 10:00 A.M.

**THE JOHN WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
ROOM 412
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chair of the Committee on Public Works and the Environment, announces a Public Roundtable on the issue of Taxicab Discrimination. The Roundtable will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 412) of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. This Roundtable has been scheduled in order to discuss issues pertaining to taxicab discrimination including failure to haul and a report on taxicab discrimination issued by the Equal Rights Center, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs and Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P.

The Committee extends an invitation to the public to testify at the Roundtable. **Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Jim Slattery of the Committee on Public Works and the Environment by e-mail at jim.slattery@dc.gov or by telephone at (202) 724-8105 by Monday, December 15, 2003.** E-mail contacts to Mr. Slattery should include the full name, title and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the Roundtable. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the Roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Phyllis Jones, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 24, 2003.